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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 September 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 15-21 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 8-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7 and 14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-6, 8-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over AAPA (Applicant's Admitted Prior Art) in view of Lee et al. (US 2001/0029172, filed 12-28-2000, hereinafter Lee).

Regarding claim 1, AAPA discloses an oscillator circuit for use in a local oscillator of an RF communication device that communicates over an RF channel comprising: an oscillator circuit coupled to power supply voltage (Vcc) through a buffer transistor and a biasing network having a bias voltage output coupled of the oscillator transistor and to control input of the buffer transistor, the bias network voltage network being coupled to Vcc (fig. 1 of Applicant's drawing).

AAPA differs from claims 1-3 in that it does not teach the following: circuitry for setting a magnitude of Vcc as a function of at least RF channel conditions or an operational mode of the RF communication device, RF channel conditions are determined by calculating a signal-to-noise ratio, magnitude of Vcc is set between about zero volts and some maximum value.

However, Lee discloses low noise amplifier for mobile communication terminal which teaches the following: circuitry (330, fig. 1) for setting a magnitude of Vcc (reads on bias circuit varying bias current) as a function of at least RF channel conditions or an

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operational mode of the RF communication device, RF channel conditions are determined by calculating a signal-to-noise ratio, magnitude of V_{cc} is set between about zero volts and some maximum value (fig. 1, paragraphs: 0013, 0024, 0026-0027).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify AAPA to provide for the following: circuitry for setting a magnitude of V_{cc} as a function of at least RF channel conditions or an operational mode of the RF communication device, RF channel conditions are determined by calculating a signal-to-noise ratio, magnitude of V_{cc} is set between about zero volts and some maximum value as this arrangement would facilitate to minimize the use of battery in mobile communication device as taught by Lee (paragraph: 0034), thus facilitating to increase battery life in mobile communication device.

AAPA differs from claims 4-6 in that it does not teach the following: operational mode is one of a TDMA mode or CDMA mode, operational mode is one of burst transmission mode and reception mode or substantially continuous transmission mode and reception mode, operational mode is one of a narrow bandwidth mode or wider bandwidth mode.

However, Lee teaches the following: operational mode is one of a TDMA mode or CDMA mode, operational mode is one of burst transmission mode and reception mode or substantially continuous transmission mode and reception mode, operational mode is one of a narrow bandwidth mode or wider bandwidth mode (paragraphs: 0021-0023).

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Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify AAPA to provide for the following: operational mode is one of a TDMA mode or CDMA mode, operational mode is one of burst transmission mode and reception mode or substantially continuous transmission mode and reception mode, operational mode is one of a narrow bandwidth mode or wider bandwidth mode as this arrangement would facilitate to provide mobile communications to the user as is well known in the art.

Claims 8-10 are rejected for the same reasons as set forth in the rejection of claims 1-3.

Claims 11-13 are rejected for the same reasons as set forth in the rejection of claims 4-6.

3. Claims 7 and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. Claims 15-21 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melur Ramakrishnaiah whose telephone number is (571)272-8098. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 Hr schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curt Kuntz can be reached on (571) 272-7499. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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